



Milwaukee County

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SUPERVISOR WEISHAN RECEIVES OPEN RECORDS REQUEST FROM SHERIFF CLARKE'S OFFICE

Letter from Inspector Edward H. Bailey Calls for Correspondence Related to News Release

Milwaukee, WI – Supervisor John F. Weishan, Jr. has received an Open Records request from the Office of Sheriff David A. Clarke, seeking “any written or recorded material or correspondence pertaining to the August 13, 2012 release entitled, ‘SUPERVISOR WEISHAN CRITICIZES SHERIFF CLARKE FOR MISALLOCATION OF RESOURCES, PARTISAN POLITICS; Supervisor Renews Calls for Responsible Management of Sheriff Department Resources.’”

“It’s clear to me that this Open Records request is some sort of intimidation attempt by Sheriff Clarke,” explained Supervisor Weishan. “Obviously, all my communication as a Supervisor is subject to Open Records law; there’s nothing to be revealed in this matter or any other.”

In the news release cited by the Open Records request, Supervisor Weishan expressed concerns about the Milwaukee County Sheriff’s Office providing security detail to a GOP rally in Waukesha County but having declined to provide security for a Presidential visit in February 2012.

In an Opinion blog following the news release, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel noted that Supervisor Weishan's “concerns aren't unreasonable.”

“I stand by my public criticism of Sheriff Clarke pertaining to misuse of taxpayer-funded resources and will continue to call for accountability, regardless of any scare tactics the Sheriff tries to employ,” said Supervisor Weishan.

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